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Sir:

This paper is timely filed in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2007 in connection the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- I. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2;
- II. **Remarks** begin on page 12; and
- III. The **Conclusion** begins on page 13.